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Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$14.9 Million in Green Communities Grants

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SOUTHBOROUGH — The Baker-Polito Administration today awarded Green Communities competitive grants totaling \$14,948,478 to 91 municipalities across Massachusetts to fund clean energy projects. The grants are funded through proceeds from Alternative Compliance Payments under the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard. With today’s announcement, DOER has awarded over \$118 million to 240 Green Communities in Designation Grants and Competitive Grants since 2010.

“Today’s grant announcement is the largest award in the Green Communities program history and represents our Administration’s commitment to supporting clean energy efforts for cities and towns across Massachusetts,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “The projects funded by these grants will allow cities and towns across the Commonwealth to reinvest their energy savings in vital public services like schools, public safety, and local infrastructure.”

“As Massachusetts works to meet ambitious energy and emission reduction goals, the Green Communities program gives municipal partners the resources they need to continue building upon the substantial energy progress each city and town has already made,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “We look forward to the continued success in energy innovation these grants will ensure across the Commonwealth.”

Under the Green Communities Act, cities and towns must meet [five criteria](/guides/becoming-a-designated-green-community) (</guides/becoming-a-designated-green-community>) to be designated a Green Community and receive funding. The grants provide financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the designated communities’ clean energy goals. [Two-hundred forty Massachusetts cities and towns](/media/1770056/download) (</media/1770056/download>) have currently earned the Green Communities designation. This eighth annual round of DOER Green

Communities competitive grants is awarded to existing Green Communities that have successfully invested their initial designation grants and previous competitive grant awards. Grants are capped at \$250,000 per municipality.

“The Green Communities program works with cities and towns from the Berkshires to Cape to fund projects that put Massachusetts on the forefront of clean energy innovation,” **said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides**. “The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to providing municipalities with the tools needed to find clean energy solutions that reduce long-term energy costs and strengthen local economies.”

“The efforts of the 90 communities receiving nearly \$15 million today are important as we work to meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals set forth under the Global Warming Solutions Act,” **said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Judith Judson**. “These grants represent another milestone for both the communities and the Commonwealth as we continue to work collaboratively to build a clean, resilient, and affordable energy future.”

The grants fund a range projects from ventilation system upgrades and high efficiency lighting to installation of insulation and energy management systems at municipal buildings and facilities. Also included are projects to install LED streetlights, oil-to-heat pump heating system conversions, electric vehicles, and electric vehicles charging stations.

Acton	\$139,461	Framingham	\$222,018	Norwell	\$149,659
Acushnet	\$171,494	Gloucester	\$112,852	Pelham	\$170,000
Adams	\$15,000	Grafton	\$165,923	Pembroke	\$180,587
Agawam	\$201,133	Greenfield	\$125,593	Plainville	\$250,000
Arlington	\$98,052	Halifax	\$153,367	Plympton	\$239,202

Ashburnham	\$20,054	Hamilton	\$23,156	Rockport	\$193,739
Ashby	\$165,036	Hardwick	\$158,713	Saugus	\$135,565
Ashfield	\$34,866	Harvard	\$151,009	Somerville	\$191,075
Ayer	\$174,576	Holliston	\$216,245	Southborough	\$250,000
Barre	\$96,976	Kingston	\$158,546	Stoneham	\$250,000
Bedford	\$182,330	Lakeville	\$223,390	Stoughton	\$249,722
Belchertown	\$79,460	Lexington	\$135,564	Stow	\$173,452
Berlin	\$69,635	Littleton	\$238,269	Sunderland	\$152,770
Bolton	\$221,403	Lowell	\$246,523	Sutton	\$42,875
Bridgewater	\$200,000	Malden	\$250,000	Swampscott	\$145,406
Brockton	\$240,000	Marshfield	\$246,661	Tewksbury	\$151,036
Brookline	\$240,966	Maynard	\$104,536	Tyngsborough	\$113,101
Buckland	\$41,973	Medford	\$148,849	Upton	\$3,459
Canton	\$206,681	Medway	\$216,550	Waltham	\$250,000

Charlton	\$211,235	Melrose	\$219,028	Warren	\$144,530
Chelmsford	\$90,497	Middleborough	\$247,440	Webster	\$207,772
Cohasset	\$193,122	Millis	\$219,461	Wenham	\$127,086
Concord	\$150,880	Milton	\$104,661	Westfield	\$202,525
Douglas	\$220,989	Monson	\$232,416	Westwood	\$183,783
Dover	\$109,142	Montague	\$52,536	Weymouth	\$225,373
Duxbury	\$250,000	Natick	\$150,622	Whitman	\$148,078
Easthampton	\$68,700	New Bedford	\$250,000	Winchendon	\$189,673
Easton	\$218,474	Newton	\$111,217	Windsor	\$62,800
Essex	\$28,929	Northampton	\$250,000	Woburn	\$139,684
Fitchburg	\$248,564	North Andover	\$116,254	Worcester	\$225,225
		Northbridge	\$208,949		

“Climate change is a priority throughout the Commonwealth, and our MetroWest municipalities are taking proactive, evidence-based approaches that boost energy

conservation and often result in new technologies and job creation,” **said Senate President Karen E. Spilka.** “The leadership at local levels continues to drive innovation.”

“I want to congratulate Ashburnham, Ashby, Barre, Charlton, Hardwick, Monson and Warren on their hard work to earn these Green Communities Grants,” **said State Senator Anne Gobi, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.** “This municipal-state partnership has been so successful and provides much needed assistance to communities as we strive for a cleaner, more sustainable Commonwealth.”

“I want to congratulate all of the towns in my district for receiving these grants, and I am excited to see the positive effects of the Green Communities program in the Worcester Norfolk District,” **said State Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton).** “Not only does this program promote a reduction in carbon emissions, but it also provides a lasting and significant cost savings for municipalities. I want to thank the Baker-Polito administration for continuing to recognize this program as an important tool to achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the Global Warming Solutions Act.”

“The Green Communities program validates the commitment of the Baker-Polito Administration and DOER to support our municipalities in achieving their green energy goals,” **said State Representative James Kelcourse (R-Amesbury).** “This funding represents a successful collaboration between the state and municipalities to reduce energy consumption.”

[Click here \(/orgs/green-communities-division\)](/orgs/green-communities-division) for more information on DOER's Green Communities program. All Green Communities commit to reducing municipal energy consumption by 20 percent over five years.

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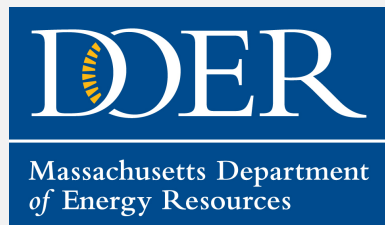
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